

Staff and Student Conference 2025

11 June 2025 | 09:30 - 16:15 | Chrystal Macmillan Building

🕒 09:30 – Registration and Refreshments
Tea, coffee, and pastries

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🕒 10:00 – Welcome and Keynote Address
Chair: Dr Franziska Meinck

Seminar
Rooms 1 & 2

Keynote Seminar

Speaker: Dr Isang Awah

(Global Parenting Initiative, University of Oxford)

Title: The Role of Cross-Sector Partnerships in Advancing Child Protection and Family Well-being

Abstract: Globally, about a billion children experience some form of violence each year. The consequences are far-reaching and include poor mental health, poor development, school failure, and risky behaviours. These outcomes are hugely costly to multiple systems. Fortunately, there is now knowledge on how to address child maltreatment. Evidence-based, playful parenting programmes are effective in improving positive parenting skills, reducing violence, and improving child outcomes and family well-being.

To reach every family that needs it, programmes must be adapted to contexts and scaled. But this cannot be achieved through siloed efforts; cross-sector partnerships are necessary.

Drawing on the collaborative work of the Global Parenting Initiative (GPI), this keynote will explore the vital role of cross-sector partnerships in advancing child protection and supporting families. It will highlight how the GPI is working with researchers, foundations, implementers, policymakers, and communities to scale up parenting programmes through digital innovations and context-specific resources, and by embedding parenting programmes in systems.

This talk will also explore the key factors that drive effective cross-sector collaboration, alongside common challenges and practical strategies for overcoming them. By working together across sectors and systems, we can ensure all children grow up safe, supported, and able to reach their full potential.



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PROGRAMME

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11:00 – Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Participatory Research with Children

Chair: Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh

- Eilidh Lamb – Exploring the use of space in the North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose for children's safety, justice and recovery
- Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh & Ms Mallory Hybl – Belonging, Connection, Imagination and Play: Co-creating understandings of flourishing with children and young people
- Dr Christina McMellon – Beyond listening: children as collaborators in Barnahus

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Session 2: Co-Creation and Creative Methods

Chair: Dr Franziska Meinck

- Emerita Professor Viv Cree – Oral history meets auto/biography: a collaborative approach to storytelling in the context of childcare history
- Dr Jimmy Turner – Creative risks and the embrace of uncertainty in social research
- Dr Anna Chiumento – Moral harm in healthcare: a research impact project

Violet Laidlaw
Room (6.02)



12:00 – Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Using Quantitative Data to Understand and Support Parenting

Chair: Dr Franziska Meinck

- Dr Khudejha Asghar – The intergenerational transmission of parenting behaviours in South Africa
- Dr Franziska Meinck – Corporal punishment and health outcomes in Australia: a spline regression analysis
- Dr Christina Thurston – Cash transfers and adult mental health outcomes in a South African cohort

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Session 2: Supporting Marginalised Groups

Chair: Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh

- Dr Jackie Gulland – How do we define carers? Lessons from the past
- Dr Robin Sen – Meeting the housing needs of kinship families
- Dr Hadijah Mwenyango – Refugee-Inspired Ethical Guidelines from Kakuma: Toward Decolonising Research Practice

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13:00 - Lunch

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13:30 - Afternoon Workshops

Workshop 1: Multi-Cultural Family Base: Embedding Anti-Racism in Social Work and beyond

Facilitators: Ms Ethelinda Lashley-Scott & Ms Rania Qussasi (Multi-Cultural Family Base)

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Workshop 2: The Good Enough Academic - Being Human in the Context of Excellence

Facilitator: Dr Steve Kirkwood

Violet Laidlaw Room (6.02)



14:30 - Coffee Break

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14:45 - Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Learning from Reviews of Social Work Research

Chair: Dr Franziska Meinck

- Dr Pearse McCusker - The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007: A literature review
- Ms Paidamoyo Paradza - Childhood violence and HIV: A scoping review
- Ms Rhoda Jiang - Policy practice proficiency in social work education: A systematic review

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Session 2: Reporting in the Past and Present

Chair: Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh

- Mrs Donna Shields - The lived experience of unmarried mothers in closed adoptions: A scoping review
- Dr Amitai Marmor - Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect in the UK
- Dr Colleen Henry - Unintended consequences of US child welfare/protection policy

Violet Laidlaw Room (6.02)



15:45 - Closing remarks and evaluation
Chair - Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh

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